

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1031 - HB 920

March 8, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the defenses of ignorance or mistake for patronizing prostitution under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-514 and soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-529.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Correction (DOC), it is assumed that the initial calculations of the fiscal notes for the Public Chapters creating these offenses included all estimated admissions, regardless of whether ignorance or mistake of fact was asserted as a defense. Therefore, estimated admissions would have included these violators in the estimated cost.
- It is estimated that any admissions resulting from no longer using an ignorance or mistake of fact defense are currently being appropriated for in the DOC's budget. Therefore, any admissions as a result of the proposed legislation will not have a significant fiscal impact and can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Department without an increased appropriation.
- According to the District Attorneys General Conference and the District Public Defenders Conference, any increase in caseload can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Any impact to the caseloads of state trial courts can be accommodated within existing judicial resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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